

CARNIVAL OF THIEVES.

MOSS PRODUCES CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF THEIR IMMUNITY.

MAZET COMMITTEE HEARS MANY WIT-
NESSES WHO WERE ROBBED BY DIS-
ORDERLY WOMEN AND GOT ONLY
ABUSE AND INTIMIDATION

The Mazet Investigating Committee heard enough evidence yesterday to convince any unprejudiced mind that the police are in a frightfully demoralized condition, and that property is not safe by day or night in many parts of the city. In addition to this, the testimony afforded ample ground for suspicion so strong as to warrant almost any suspicion, the collusion of

The police records seem to be practically valueless to show the number of robberies committed, owing to the recently acquired habit of the sergeants of making entries to take

Mr. Moss produced records of the arrests of women for robbery in the Nineteenth Precinct since January 1, 1898. They numbered 160, and the amount of their thefts was about \$28,000. He also read a list of ninety-seven houses in the

precinct which are resorts for thieving women and where robberies had occurred and arrest had been made; yet only nine of these addresses were on the police book of "suspicious places." Chief Devery, who says he relies on these records for his knowledge of how things are going

on in the various precincts, keeps his own record of them at Police Headquarters, and this shows that in eighty precincts there are only eighty-three houses suspected of being disorderly, forty-four places where policy is played, twenty-five poolrooms and eleven suspected

The poor innocent Chief is being badly fooled by his subordinates—perhaps.

OUR WIDESPREAD NOTORIETY.

The city has acquired such a reputation for being "wide open" that disreputable characters

particularly women, have flocked here in large numbers from all over the Union. The police collect money from these women, and complainants against them are treated harshly and rudely. They are often arrested, and every discouragement is thrown in their way. If the

The growing negligence of the police on post was also strikingly shown. They talk and flirt with the women, and loiter about, watching dog fights and demanding drinks at the side doors of saloons, instead of patrolling their beat.

Mr. Moss declared that it was really the fault of the Commissioners that such officers were retained on the force.

An instance of reckless driving by Chief Devery in Eighth-ave. was also adduced, which served to show that this august official thing

Assemblyman Hoffman made himself conspicuous by trying to discredit one of the committee's agents who had been robbed in the pursuit of evidence, but was not able to observe the

fact that a theft had actually been committed and that although the police were informed, no attempt was made to arrest the thief.

TO ADJOURN TO-MORROW.

It had been announced that Mr. Moss is to be a witness in the case of Nathan Krammer, who is charged with the murder of a woman.

tended to examine Nathan Kronman, who was arrested the other day on suspicion of having murdered his wife, and also Acting Captain Cooney, who is responsible for Kronman's arrest. They had both been subpoenaed, but Mr. Moss changed his mind, saying that in the light of certain information which he had received

since the service of the subpoena he had decided not to put either of them on the stand. "Perhaps it would not be right," he added, "in view of the fact that the police claim to be making out their case."

It was said at the afternoon session that to day and to-morrow are to be taken up with the Building Department, and that after the Building afternoon session, the committee will

Friday afternoon session adjourn for two weeks. When the work is taken up after that adjournment Croker, Carroll and Freedman and the entire commanding force of the police department will be examined.

DETAILS OF THE HEARING.

The committee resumed its session at 10:30 a. m. When the doors were opened forty or fifty citizens with complaints against the police presented the subpoenas to the sergeant-at-arms and were ushered to the seats reserved for them.

Joel Harris, one of the detectives on Mr. Moen's staff, was the first witness. With Wood, another

detective, he set out on July 20 to investigate noise in West Twenty-sixth-st. He was met by a colored girl at No. 116 West Twenty-sixth-st. and robbed of a \$1 bill which he had wrapped around a bundle of "stage" money. As soon as he was robbed he called a policeman. The policeman refused to leave his beat and Wood sounded a whistle. Four p

"We got into the house," said Harris, "and negro asked if I was the man who was robbed \$1 and a lot of 'stage' money. I said I was, and the man told me to wait a bit and he'd get it back for me. He did get it back."

"What did the police do?" asked Mr. Moss.
"They blackguarded me. One of them called me a cheap skate to make such a fuss about £1, and the other said if he'd known it was only £1 he would not have bothered to answer the call. Then I met the policeman whose beat it was on, and then they said I had beat; that I could not have been in the street."

police man and I told him I must have been robbed. When I told him I must have been robbed or I could not have got my money back the police man walked away. 'He won't make a charge,' one of the other policemen said, and, although I insisted that I desired to make a charge, they walked away and made no arrest."

HOFFMAN TO THE RESCUE
"There wasn't any robbery," put in Mr. Hoffman
"only 'stage' money was taken."
"A real dollar was taken," said Mr. Moss, and
then Harris identified the real dollar and two
of the pieces of "stage" money that were taken from
and returned to him.

"Did you go to the house where you were robbed by arrangement with anybody?" asked Mr. Ho man.

"No, sir."

"Did you go there with the understanding that you were to be held up and had you arranged to go to the house?"

Mr. Moss—Would that have excused the officer Mr. Hoffman?

Mr. Hoffman—The officers are not supposed to assist in make-believe arrests.

Mr. Moss—I am surprised at the attitude of some of the members of this committee toward one of

Mr. Hoffman—I am willing to stand by it. If the committee is to be used for the purpose of persons arranging to be robbed, I think the people of New York should know it.

Mr. Hoffman--That is the purpose of my examination, and as a member of this committee and servant of the people I will not receive instructions from Mr. Moss.

"I am now going to show," said Mr. Moss, "h